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SUBJ: FRENCH JOURNALIST REQUESTS INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

- 1. FRENCH JOURNALIST JEAN-PAUL LIEGEOIS TODAY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON SOMETIME IN JULY. LIEGEOIS TOLD ME HE WORKS FOR FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY NEWSPAPER L'UNITE WHICH HAS ASSIGNED HIM TO COVER FRANCOIS MITTERAND'S ANTICIPATED VISIT TO THE US NEXT MONTH. LIEGEOIS IS PRESENTLY IN QUEBEC DOING A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE PQ GOVERNMENT.
- 2. INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT, IF ACCORDED, NATURALLY WOULD BE AT PRESIDENT'S CONVENIENCE AND IN A FORMAT AGREEABLE TO THE WHITE HOUSE. LIEGEOIS SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS BEFOREHAND. SUBJECTS HE MENTIONED AS INTERESTING HIS EDITOR INCLUDED: US ATTITUDES TOWARDS FRENCH SOCIALISTS' FRONT ARRANGEMENT WITH COMMUNISTS; AMERICAN VIEW OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN ITALY; AND STATE OF FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.
- 3. COMMENT: LIEGEOIS EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN QUEBEC PROVINCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS, THROUGH JULY 7. RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST MAY BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THIS CONSULATE GENERAL. LIEGEOIS' BONA FIDES AS REPRESENTATIVE OF L'UNITE WERE CONFIRMED BY GOQ OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR "AMERICAN AFFAIRS". HOWEVER, EMBASSY PARIS MIGHT WISH TO CONFIRM HIS CREDENTIALS AND GIVE OPINION ON HIS PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION.

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